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getting to is not that the judges would determine the caseload, but doing the work that a judge is to do when rendering decisions in cases. I don't want judges to be looking over their shoulder considering the political ramifications of various decisions. But that is starting to happen, and especially when those petition people went after Judge Lanphier. Those term limits people put up all that money and had red anti-Judge Lanphier signs sprouting like trees. Somebody said that there were so many red signs against Judge Lanphier sprouting up in Sarpy County and the other part of the state where he was located, that if you flew over it in an airplane and you saw one of these windmills, you'd think you were flying over Holland and that you were looking at a field of tulips. I didn't realize that there was that much opposition against him, because he did not...his district did not include the area where I live or the area where I travel. But I do want the judges and the courts to be exempt from that to the extent it can possibly be done under the laws in the constitution. I believe that any time we do something that demeans the status of the courts and the judiciary as an institution, we hurt and impair the ability of the courts to do their job, and we impair it because we reduce and lower the respect and esteem that the public will have toward courts. Courts are out there just hustling bucks, like everybody else. And if that once becomes the attitude of the public, the decisions that the courts hand down will not be respected. The courts don't...they don't have a National Guard, they don't have a police force, at the federal level they don't command an Army, Navy, Air Force or Marines. The only way their decisions will have any significance and power to achieve a civilizing effect, even when they make a mistake, is that those decisions be respected and adhered to, acquiesced in, even by people who don't like them. When we diminish the public's respect for the courts, we diminish the public's respect for the very concept of law. Despite how much some people have contempt for the courts, like these so called common law nuts running around this state and others, the courts do represent, in the minds of even those people, the well-spring of the law, not the Legislature, but the courts. If you ask people what does the law make them think of, they won't tell you the Legislature which enacts and creates law, they will talk about the justice system, about the courts, about judges. We should do everything we can to elevate the courts. I didn't say to a position where